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Expanding the winners circle

Helping working men and women in Fort Wayne

Indiana's booming economy is creating new jobs at a furious pace. We have more jobs, no inflation, and tax cuts.

But for many in the 81st District, this prosperity has meant *less* job security. Clearly, this boom is also destroying jobs, and more so, the fast pace of job churning has undermined the predictability and stability of our long standing Fort Wayne economic arrangements. It has increased the insecurities faced by workers. The job market is much more volatile, risky, frightening, and yet to some, exhilarating. I have heard this condition called an "era of permanent anxiety."

The social bargains that historically protected Fort Wayne workers from the instability and harshness of economic competition are collapsing. In the past, big business, big labor and government combined to smooth out business cycles and cushion families during economic downturns. Today, as others have said, "No matter how enlightened a corporation, how militant a union or how caring a government, they can no longer guarantee anyone a particular job for life in today's churning global marketplace."

WELFARE REFORM

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IDEAS ON EXPANDING THE WINNERS CIRCLE

SENIORS

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REDUCING WELFARE

Indiana has earned a top ranking among other states for weaning people off of the welfare rolls. The reduction is a result of the welfare reform bill signed in 1996 by President Clinton.

Indiana's reform process began in 1995. Some of the Indiana statistics are listed below:

- Indiana was number 1 among all states for the number of welfare recipients placed in jobs in 1999
- In 1998, Indiana placed 20,785 welfare recipients in jobs, compared with 3,048 in 1995.
- Indiana received \$8.7 million from the federal government last year, a bonus for high performance in reducing the number of welfare recipients.
- From 1993 through 1997, Washington, D.C.'s rolls dropped only 2 percent. During that period Hawaii had a 36 percent increase in welfare caseloads.

Source: National Center for Policy Analysis, 1997; *The Indianapolis Star*; Adam Smith Institute, 1997.

Expanding the winner's circle

So how can we move Fort Wayne workers into the winner's circle? As I try to translate my years as a City Councilman and Mayor into an instructive State of Indiana policy, here are several paths I know will help.

1. **Create a system of lifelong learning.** We are promoting Ivy Tech State College into a much more comprehensive institution with the lowest tuition rates. Skills are the highest form of social protection. Funding for such learning should be easier. And IPFW received more money this year, but deserves a big infusion of state funds. The quality of education at IPFW is world class, and you can live at home while you're receiving a nationally recognized degree.

2. **Build a rapid reemployment system for workers.** In today's booming market, we have private sector companies such as CareerBuilder.com, Monster.com and Jobs.com, but we need to concentrate on a one-stop system for those least likely to take advantage of private, on-line job searches, such as dislocated or low-skilled workers, including the continuing effort to get welfare recipients to work.

3. **Work toward portable health insurance.**

4. **Promote portable pensions.**

5. **Encourage ownership** of homes, stocks and bonds. The richest half of America owns most of the stocks. We need to extend these ownership opportunities to everyone else. Capitalism needs more capitalists!

6. **Empower people with more information.** Growth of the Internet will do this. An example, I passed a bill to have Nursing homes post their levels of staffing on the Internet, so citizens can choose which nursing home they like and know their health records. Information is power.

7. Finally, **design an effective government!** Some of these ideas must be done at different levels of government, but this is the general direction I've tried in order to get 81st District residents more opportunities and security. Many other ideas are possible.

Please let me know your ideas!

Rep. Moses received the “Outstanding Legislator Award” from United Senior Action of Indiana. Again.



This award was received due to legislation I authored which addresses concerns regarding the staffing of nursing homes. Under the new law, the patient or a person designated by the patient may request information that lists the names of all nursing personnel on each shift and the supervisor for that shift.

A notice to inform people about the new law will be posted in a conspicuous place in all Medicaid certified facilities. Having this information will hopefully result in more accountability by the nursing homes and enable the patients and their families to make more informed decisions.

This is the second time I have received the Senior Outstanding Legislator Award. The first was in 1997 for helping to increase CHOICE funding and helping to keep utility bills down.



Rep. Moses received the “Outstanding Legislator Award” from United Senior Action of Indiana. Dorothy Frary, a long time Fort Wayne activist, and Paul Severence, the Executive Director of United Senior Action, presented the award.

OTHER LEGISLATION BENEFITS SENIORS

\$20 million for prescription drugs -- Senior citizens on lower incomes should not have to choose between buying food or the prescription drugs they need to remain healthy. Thanks to the legislation allocating money from the national tobacco settlement, they won't have to make that decision.

The final bill includes \$20 million to help senior citizens on lower incomes purchase prescription drugs. From my visits around the district, this is one of the most pressing concerns among older Hoosiers.

Since health care was one of the priorities for spending tobacco settlement funds, I believe it was important to help seniors get the drugs they need to avoid their illnesses.

Personal Needs Allowance -- The General Assembly increased the monthly personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$50. The personal needs allowance covers individuals who enter medical treatment facilities in which more than half their bills are paid by either Medicaid or their private insurance.

Tobacco settlement and bipartisanship

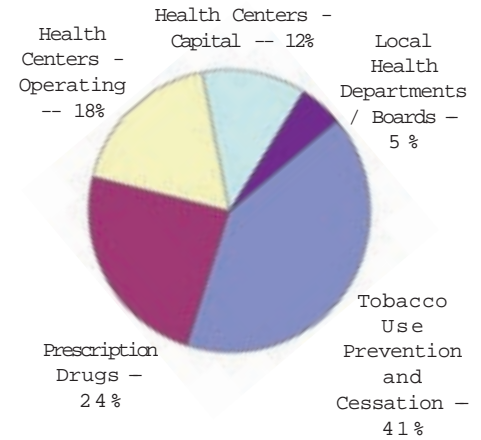
Certainly one of the biggest achievements of the 2000 legislative session was passage of legislation that sets up a system to allocate more than \$4 billion Indiana will be receiving from the national tobacco settlement over the next 25 years. The funds will be used for health care services, tobacco prevention programs and assistance for senior citizens on lower incomes who have trouble purchasing prescription drugs.

The final bill was the result of many months of work by legislators on both sides of the aisle. From the start, we have attempted to assure that most of the funding goes to health care and efforts to reduce the use of tobacco products.

In the first year alone, \$35 million will be dedicated toward health care programs, with an emphasis on tobacco education and prevention. Another \$20 million will be used to help seniors on low incomes purchase needed prescription drugs. Community health centers will receive \$15 million in program support, along with a one-time-only appropriation of \$10 million to make physical improvements to facilities.

This is a considerable accomplishment for a short session of the Legislature, and it is a tribute to the willingness of officials to set aside partisan differences in order to pass bills that will have long-term benefits for the people of our state.

Distribution of Tobacco Settlement Funds



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